

# Arkansas

## Broiler Hatchery

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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending January 26, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but down 1 percent from the previous week. The placements included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.7 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

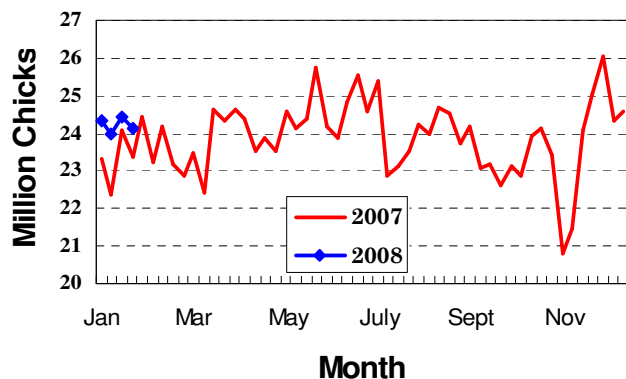
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 26, 2008, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

| Week Ending <sup>1</sup> | Chicks Placed   |           |                 | Chicks Hatched  |           |                 | Eggs Set        |           |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                          | 2006-2007       | 2007-2008 | % of Prev. Year | 2006-2007       | 2007-2008 | % of Prev. Year | 2006-2007       | 2007-2008 | % of Prev. Year |
|                          | <i>Thousand</i> |           |                 | <i>Thousand</i> |           |                 | <i>Thousand</i> |           |                 |
| <b>Dec. 22</b>           | 23,868          | 24,319    | 102             | 23,164          | 24,264    | 105             | 27,640          | 28,008    | 101             |
| <b>Dec. 29</b>           | 22,868          | 24,567    | 107             | 22,257          | 23,346    | 105             | 27,686          | 28,434    | 103             |
| <b>Jan. 5</b>            | 23,300          | 24,311*   | 104             | 23,166          | 23,359    | 101             | 27,371          | 28,401*   | 104             |
| <b>Jan. 12</b>           | 22,353          | 23,960*   | 107             | 22,957          | 23,516    | 102             | 27,552          | 28,098    | 102             |
| <b>Jan. 19</b>           | 24,096          | 24,422*   | 101             | 23,128          | 23,804*   | 103             | 27,627          | 28,312*   | 102             |
| <b>Jan. 26</b>           | 23,381          | 24,147    | 103             | 22,888          | 23,685    | 103             | 27,758          | 28,269    | 102             |

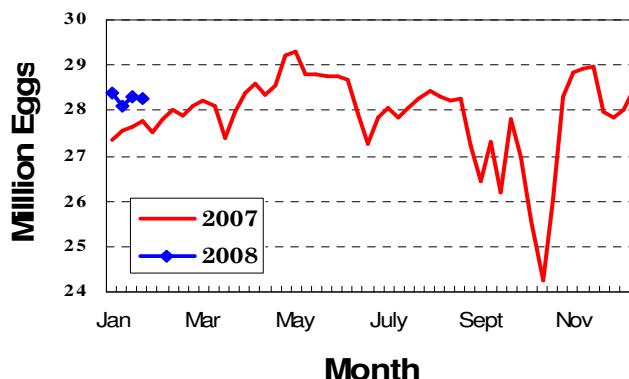
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

### Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



### Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 29, 2007 - January 26, 2008

| State   | Eggs Set        |                 |               |                 |               |            | Chicks Placed   |                 |                 |                 |               |            |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Week Ending     |                 |               |                 |               |            | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |               |            |
|   | 29-Dec          | 5-Jan           | 12-Jan        | 19-Jan          | 26-Jan        | % 1/       | 29-Dec          | 5-Jan           | 12-Jan          | 19-Jan          | 26-Jan        | % 1/       |
|   | <i>Thousand</i> |                 |               |                 |               |            | <i>Thousand</i> |                 |                 |                 |               |            |
| Alabama   | 32,201          | 31,796 *        | 32,012        | 32,339          | 31,594        | 103        | 21,717          | 21,166          | 21,432          | 21,012          | 20,851        | 101        |
| <b>Arkansas</b>                                 | <b>28,434</b>   | <b>28,401 *</b> | <b>28,098</b> | <b>28,312 *</b> | <b>28,269</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>24,567</b>   | <b>24,311 *</b> | <b>23,960 *</b> | <b>24,422 *</b> | <b>24,147</b> | <b>103</b> |
| Delaware  | 4,153           | 4,182           | 4,057         | 4,026           | 4,162         | 108        | 4,696           | 5,228           | 5,353           | 4,586 *         | 5,651         | 104        |
| Florida   | 1,339           | 1,359 *         | 1,369 *       | 1,368           | 1,368         | 100        | 1,307           | 1,375           | 1,394           | 1,469           | 1,332         | 92         |
| Georgia   | 36,366          | 36,719          | 35,299        | 35,480          | 35,973        | 104        | 28,747          | 29,961          | 29,703          | 29,169 *        | 30,116        | 105        |
| Kentucky  | 7,707 *         | 7,690 *         | 7,426         | 7,795 *         | 7,828         | 101        | 6,197 *         | 5,838 *         | 6,189 *         | 6,150 *         | 6,029         | 93         |
| Louisiana                                       | 3,710           | 3,706           | 3,685         | 3,920           | 3,893         | 105        | 3,480           | 3,849           | 3,467           | 3,698           | 3,627         | 110        |
| Maryland  | 9,008           | 9,042           | 8,969         | 8,980           | 9,005         | 103        | 6,207           | 6,173           | 5,608           | 5,996 *         | 5,725         | 110        |
| Mississippi                                     | 18,861          | 17,832          | 18,495        | 18,769          | 18,717        | 101        | 17,003          | 17,450          | 17,622          | 17,337 *        | 16,482        | 103        |
| N. Carolina                                     | 19,809          | 19,648 *        | 19,985        | 19,798          | 19,624        | 105        | 16,201          | 16,444          | 16,012          | 16,299          | 15,784        | 102        |
| Oklahoma  | 6,630           | 6,660           | 6,789         | 6,613           | 6,490         | 100        | 4,371           | 5,219           | 4,854           | 4,892           | 5,091         | 90         |
| Pennsylvania                                    | 4,185 *         | 4,404 *         | 4,345 *       | 4,405 *         | 4,287         | 117        | 3,102 *         | 3,030 *         | 3,203 *         | 3,180 *         | 3,291         | 110        |
| S. Carolina                                     | 5,457           | 5,515           | 5,660         | 5,345           | 5,435         | 101        | 4,628           | 4,304           | 5,170           | 5,214           | 4,860         | 110        |
| Texas   | 15,475          | 15,336 *        | 14,945        | 15,547          | 15,618        | 113        | 12,755          | 12,367          | 12,943          | 12,894          | 12,802        | 107        |
| Virginia  | 6,225           | 6,197           | 5,999         | 6,324           | 6,321         | 108        | 5,382           | 4,397           | 5,138           | 5,531           | 5,152         | 107        |
| CA,MO,TN&WV                                     | 19,418          | 19,636          | 18,977        | 18,728 *        | 19,548        | 101        | 15,652          | 17,707          | 17,158          | 17,548 *        | 17,866        | 113        |
| 19 State Total                                  | 218,978 *       | 218,123 *       | 216,110 *     | 217,749 *       | 218,132       |            | 176,012 *       | 178,819 *       | 179,206 *       | 179,397 *       | 178,806       |            |
| Prev. Year Total                                | 211,375         | 210,475         | 211,204       | 208,591         | 210,236       |            | 168,485         | 172,967         | 171,178         | 172,806         | 171,642       |            |
| % of Prev. Year                                 | 104             | 104             | 102           | 104             | 104           |            | 104             | 103             | 105             | 104             | 104           |            |
| <b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/ .....</b> |                 |                 |               |                 |               |            | 16-Feb          | 23-Feb          | 1-Mar           | 8-Mar           | 15-Mar        |            |

\* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 26, 2008. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 26, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 26, 2008 were 716 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.